



## **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION WEEKLY UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF February 16, 2009**

### **Big Sky Pathway Technical Assistance Regional TOUR**

The Division of Career and Technical Education (CTE) of the Office of Public Instruction is pleased to invite you to attend any of the Regional Meetings scheduled below to provide guidance in the implementation of your Programs of Study or the State's Big Sky Pathways you selected in your 2008-2009 Perkins E-Grant.

- Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>- Helena College of Technology, 1115 N. Roberts, **Helena** (10-12 or 1-3 PM)
- March 5<sup>th</sup>- Flathead Valley Community College, 777 Grandview Dr., **Kalispell** (10-12 or 1-3 PM)
- March 12<sup>th</sup>- UM Western, 710 Atlantic, **Dillon** (10-12 or 1-3 PM)
- March 17<sup>th</sup>- Miles Community College, 2715 Dickinson, **Miles City** (10-12 or 1-3 PM)
- March 24<sup>th</sup>- The Grand Hotel, 139 McLeod, **Big Timber** (9:30-11:30 AM or 1:30-3:30 PM)
- March 31<sup>st</sup>- The Duck Inn, 1300 1<sup>st</sup> St., **Havre** (10-12 or 1-3 PM)
- April 1<sup>st</sup>- The Cottonwood Inn, 45 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. NE, **Glasgow** (10-12 or 1-3 PM)

CTE specialists and MT Career Resource Network Trainers will hold roundtable discussions to help your school administrators, counselors and/or CTE teachers understand the new Perkins legislation and assist in developing your customized program of study, also called a "Big Sky Pathway". Participants will be reimbursed for mileage/meals at current state rates. OPI Renewal Units will be available.

Every participating school will receive a CD with additional materials to share with colleagues as well as sample templates, course suggestions and ideas for engaging your students on an exciting journey of career exploration!

Please RSVP by FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> to Mary Ann Gregory at: [mgregory2@mt.gov](mailto:mgregory2@mt.gov) to request a registration form.



## **Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Career Cluster**

The AFNR Pathways advisory committee held their first meeting here in Helena on January 27. Sample Templates were distributed and discussed for Agribusiness Systems, Animal Science Systems, Natural Resource Systems, Plant Science Systems and Power, Structural and Technical Systems.

The house Appropriations Committee met on February 17 to discuss H.B, 464, a bill to Improve Agricultural Education. A special thanks to the teachers and students who came to testify in support of the bill. We will keep you posted.

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## **Business, Management and Information Systems Cluster**

The three model pathways for the Business, Management and Information Systems Cluster (listed below) have been distributed to the committee at large for comment. The February 22 meeting of this committee is scheduled to take place from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education in Helena. The agenda for this meeting will also include discussion regarding the professional development options and recommendations for this cluster. The agenda will include:

- Approval of the model pathways
- Common course PS offerings for 2-year institutions
- Input for the Big Sky Pathways Regional Workshops
- Summer Institute/Update professional development for BMIS Cluster
- June Tech Prep Conference and content
- Update on the partnership with MCIS
- Committee planning and goals for spring, 2009

The clusters and pathways are as follows:

1. **Marketing, Sales, and Services (cluster)**  
Professional Sales and Marketing (pathway)
2. **Information Technology (cluster)**  
Information and Support Services (pathway)
3. **Business, Management and Administration (cluster)**  
Business Financial Management and Accounting (pathway)

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Health Sciences Career Cluster**

### **Health Sciences Technology Education Update**

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) members attended "Health Education Day on the Hill" on February 3rd at the Capitol Rotunda.

Students visited with legislators about their competitive event projects on display and raised awareness of secondary health science programs in the state.

If you would like to promote health science in your school, K-12 health career exploration lessons are available by signing up for our new On-line Newsletter. Please contact the health science specialist to be added to the distribution list.

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## **Family and Consumer Sciences Education Human Services & Resources Career Cluster**

The first Human Services Development Group meeting was held on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> in Helena. The meeting was lead by the Human Services Pathway Committee which includes Megan Anderson from OPI, Bernie Phelps from Montana Tech, and Alyssa Townsend-Hudders from OCHE. Members of the development group in attendance included Judy Bryant (Butte HS), Tom Campbell (Missoula COT), Lyle Courtnage (Billings COT), Jennifer Courtney (Seeley-Swan HS), Jeff Hainline (MT Restaurant Assoc. Education Foundation), Holly Hunts (MSU-Bozeman), Nancy Linnell (Sunburst HS), Cindy O'Dell (Salish Kootenai College), Mary Jane Standaert (Headstart), and Brandi Thomas (Helena Childcare Partnerships).

The Human Services Pathway Committee established the three initial pathways to be developed:

- Early Childhood Development and Services;
- Family & Community Services;
- Restaurants and Food/Beverage Services (under Hospitality & Tourism in the Business Cluster).

The content area of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) finds itself in a unique position in the Montana Career Fields Model. In Montana, FCS education falls under three clusters: Human Services & Resources; Business, Management & Information Systems (Hospitality & Tourism); and Industrial, Manufacturing & Engineering Systems (Design). For this reason, it was decided upon to develop a Hospitality & Tourism program of study along with two Human Services programs to include Culinary Arts programs in the initial set of model templates. By the end of the day, the group had successfully completed the three model templates for the pathways listed above after an in-depth discussion of each pathway.

February 8 - 14 was National Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Week. The theme was Motivation in Motion. Chapters all around the state promoted FCCLA in a variety of ways including fundraisers, presentations, events, radio and newspaper advertisements, and community service. Members had a great time getting out there to let the school and community know that FCCLA is a great leadership opportunity!

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## **Industrial, Manufacturing & Engineering Systems Cluster**

No updated news this week. A report on the Industrial, Manufacturing & Engineering Systems cluster meeting scheduled for February 24 will be included on the next CTE Update.

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